

NHamp
F
44
.06
2017

own of Orange, ew Hampshire 2017 Annual Report

*Mount Cardigan State Forest
Celebrating 100 Years*

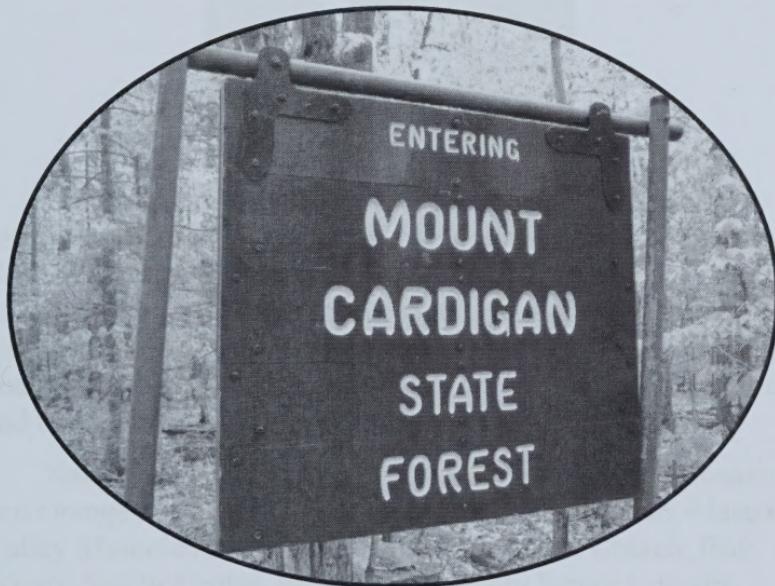




Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2022 with funding from
University of New Hampshire Library

2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE



The State Forest Turns 100

In 1918 the State acquired 700 acres from the Hall and Dean families, and established Mount Cardigan State Forest. Today it is 5,986 acres, with 5,076 acres in Orange, which is approximately a third of our town.

*In remembrance and appreciation,
this town report is dedicated to
Nathan Harpootlian*



Nate Harpootlian died this year at the age of 89 while getting ready to enjoy the weekly Concerts on the Common in Canaan, a series he attended for many years. Nate lived on Eastman Road in Orange for 69 years. He was a conductor on the Boston and Maine Railroad at White River Junction for forty years. All who knew him will remember his abiding friendliness and optimism.

Nate's lifelong community involvement included Canaan and Orange and beyond. This included the Lions Club, Mascoma Valley Masonic Association, United Methodist Church, Boy Scouts, Senior Center, and Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.

In Orange, Nate served on the Board of Selectmen (1962-1970), Planning Board (1971-1983), Budget Committee (1975-1981, 1991), Zoning Board of Adjustment (1985-1990), and Recycling Committee (1989-1995). As Selectman, Nate was the Master of Ceremonies at the Orange Bicentennial celebration on September 13, 1969.

(Photo courtesy of Jim Collins)

CONTENTS

Officers of the Town of Orange	6
2018 Warrant	8
Town Budget Purposes of Appropriation.....	12
Budget Summary.....	15
Tax Collector's Financial Report	16
2017 Treasurer's Report.....	18
Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds	19
Report of the Orange Town Clerk	20
2017 Tax Rate Data.....	21
2017 Summary of Valuation	22
2017 Schedule of Town Property.....	23
Detailed Statement of Vouchers	24
Report of the Select Board	31
Report of the Planning Board	37
Report of the Road Agent	40
Auditor's Report.....	43
Orange Historical Commission Report	45
Orange Conservation Commission Report	48
Orange Scholarship Report	51
Report of the State Police	53
Report of the Cemetery Trustees.....	55
Report of the Forest Fire Warden	57
Report of the Health Agencies	59
Canaan Public Library Report	64
Minutes of the 2017 Town Meeting	67
Vital Statistics	71
From the Cardigan Mountain Archives.....	72

*Notary services are available at the
Select Board's office at no charge to
Orange residents and property owners.*

Officers of the Town of Orange

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs, Chair '19
Robert Ells '20 Lyell "Skip" Smith '18

MODERATOR

Daniel Hazelton

TOWN CLERK

Sophie Seace

TREASURER

Tessa Michetti

ROAD AGENT

Scott Sanborn

TAX COLLECTOR

Sharon Proulx

DEEDING AGENT

Sharon Proulx

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Kathleen Stacy '18

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Scott Sanborn, Chair '20

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Karen McFarlane

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Nathaniel Emerson '18 Nancy Quilty '19 Pauline Emerson '20

CEMETERY AGENT

Lyell Smith

HEALTH OFFICER

Donald Pfaefflin

PLANNING BOARD

Scott Sanborn, Chair '19 Judith Lindahl, Vice Chair '20
Robert Proulx, Secretary '18 David Stacy '18
Albert Emerson '19 Sal Guadagnino '20
Robert Ells, Select Board ex officio

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin, Chair Judith Connelly Richard Jaeger
Beverly Ells Dorothy Heinrichs, Select Board ex officio

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Laurie Sanborn '22 Beth DiFrancesco '20 Betsy Coble '18

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Tamara Fairbank '20 Anita Watson '19 Sandi Pierson '18

FOREST FIRE WARDEN DEPUTY WARDENS

Brent Stevens Bill Bellion James McAllister
Richard Colburn

AUDITOR

Mathew Angell

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Donald Pfaefflin

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

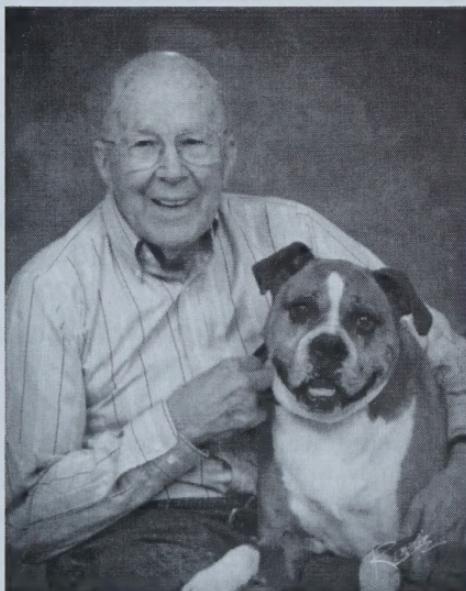
Brent Stevens Deputy: Donald Pfaefflin

BUDGET COMMITTEE

David Stacy, Chair '19 Robert Proulx, Clerk '20
Sophie Seace '18 Lyell Smith, Select Board ex officio

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dorothy Heinrichs, Chair David Stacy, Vice Chair
Sandi Pierson Jay Heinrichs Trish Weekes Douglas Weekes



*In loving memory
we remember
Former Selectman
Bill Fulton
1931 - 2017
Shown here with his
best friend Princess*

State of New Hampshire
Town of Orange
Warrant for 2018 Annual Town Meeting

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 2018 at eleven o'clock a.m. for the election of Town Officers as called for in Article 1 and to vote on a Zoning Ordinance amendment on Article 2. The polls will open at 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. for voting on Articles 1 and 2.

YOU ARE ALSO HEREBY NOTIFIED that the business meeting will be held at the Town House in said Orange at seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, the 14th day of March, 2018 to act upon Articles 3 through 11 in this warrant.

ARTICLE 1: (*by official ballot*) To elect the following town officers for the following terms: 1 Moderator: 2-year term, 1 Selectman: 3-year term, 1 Town Clerk: 1-year term, 1 Treasurer: 1-year term, 1 Tax Collector: 1-year term, 1 Deeding Agent: 1-year term, 1 Road Agent: 1-year term, 1 Budget Committee Member: 3-year term, 1 Cemetery Trustee: 3-year term, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds: 3-Year Term, 2 Planning Board Members: 3-year terms, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist: 6-year term, and any other officers as required by law.

ARTICLE 2: (*by official ballot*) To see if the Town will vote to approve the changes to the Orange Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify the intent of the regulation with respect to the differences between the terms "frontage" and "width", and to clarify the definitions of "dwelling units" versus buildings and structures. The following question will appear on the ballot:

Are you in favor of the changes to the Orange Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to clarify the intent of the regulation with respect to the differences between the terms “frontage” and “width”, and to clarify the definitions of “dwelling units” versus buildings and structures?

Copies of the complete wording of these changes are available for review at the Town Office, and will be available the day of the election.

Recommended by the Planning Board (6-0)

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept the prepayment of taxes pursuant to RSA 80:52-a. Taxpayers shall be allowed to prepay taxes no more than two years in advance of the due date of the taxes. No interest shall accrue to the taxpayer on any prepayment, nor shall any interest be paid to the taxpayer on any prepayment which is later subject to rebate or refund.

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemption income limits and property tax exemption amounts per RSA 72:39-a based on assessed value for qualified tax payers, to be as follows: income limits: if single, not more than \$24,000, and if married, a combined income of not more than \$36,000. (The current net income limits are: single: \$17,000; married: \$29,000.) Property tax exemption limits: Age 65 years up to age 75: \$50,000 exemption (currently \$25,000); age 75 years up to age 80 years: \$65,000 exemption (currently \$33,000); age 80 and older: \$75,000 exemption (currently \$50,000).

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund as authorized under the provisions of RSA 35:1c which will be called the 250th Orange Anniversary Capital Reserve Fund, for the purpose of funding expenditures relating to the 250th anniversary of the town’s charter in 1769, and to raise and appropriate two

thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be placed in this fund to be under the custody of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, and to designate the Select Board as agents to expend.

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-0)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to be paid into the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0012 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of purchasing highway-related equipment.

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-0)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0014 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of a revaluation of property.

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-0)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be paid into the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0013 (opened 06/26/2007) for the purpose of maintaining Town roads.

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-0)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of **\$212,662.00, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, for the ensuing year for general operations.

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-0)

ARTICLE 10: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL ON THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN,

*Dorothy Heinrichs, Chair; Robert Ells, and Lyell Smith
Selectmen, Town of Orange, New Hampshire*



Zoning Board of Adjustment

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs, Select Board ex-officio; Robert Ells, alternate; Donald Pfaefflin, Chair; Rosemary Haness, and Beverly Ells. (Member not present: Richard Jaeger)

A Special Note of Thanks to Don Pfaefflin

As Don thinks about relocating, the Select Board, on behalf of the town, offers a special note of appreciation to Don Pfaefflin for his many years of service to our town. Over the years, at various times, Don has served as ZBA Chair, Building Inspector, Health Officer, Overseer of Public Welfare, Deputy Director of Emergency Management, and has been a longstanding member of the Canaan Fire Department. Thank you, Don, for being such a valuable member of our community.

***TOWN BUDGET PURPOSES OF
APPROPRIATION***

	<u>Approp.</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Expended</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Approp.</u> <u>2018</u>
<i><u>General Government</u></i>			
Officers Salaries	\$27,000.00	\$26,641.96	\$27,000.00
Elections & Registrations	\$1,250.00	\$1,170.00	\$3,200.00
Financial Admin.	\$200.00	\$66.94	\$200.00
Property Reappraisal	\$4,500.00	\$4,242.00	\$4,500.00
Legal Expense	\$4,000.00	\$2,255.21	\$3,000.00
FICA Payments	\$2,500.00	\$2,329.97	\$2,500.00
Planning & Zoning	\$500.00	\$189.25	\$500.00
General Gov't. Bldgs.	\$6,000.00	\$5,871.77	\$6,000.00
Cemeteries	\$3,000.00	\$2,807.52	\$3,000.00
Insurance	\$1,794.00	\$1,794.00	\$1,764.00
Memberships	\$1,500.00	\$1,149.64	\$1,700.00
Officers' Expenses	\$12,750.00	\$8,798.56	\$7,500.00
<i><u>Public Safety</u></i>			
FAST Squad (Canaan)	\$5,650.00	\$5,650.00	\$6,620.00
Fire Department (Canaan)	\$13,831.00	\$13,831.00	\$12,932.00
Building Inspection	\$1,000.00	\$1,515.80	\$1,500.00
Emergency Mgmt.	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
<i><u>Highway & Streets</u></i>			
Highway	\$98,000.00	\$85,453.54	\$100,000.00
<i><u>Sanitation</u></i>			
Trash Collection	\$34,000.00	\$36,492.24	\$14,045.00
<i><u>Health</u></i>			
Health Agencies	\$4,500.00	\$4,462.50	\$4,200.00
<i><u>Welfare</u></i>			
Direct Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
<i><u>Culture & Recreation</u></i>			
Library	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Other Culture & Rec.	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00

<u>Conservation</u>			
Timber Harvest	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Monitor			
Conservation Comm.	\$315.00	\$295.88	\$500.00
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Tax Anticipation Note	\$3,500.00	\$2,688.41	\$3,500.00
<u>Capital Outlay</u>			
Town House	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
<u>Operating Budget</u>	\$234,291.00	\$211,716.19	\$212,662.00
<u>Totals</u>			

<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>	<u>2017 Balance</u>	<u>2018 Approp.</u>
Revaluation	\$8,319.33	\$4,000.00
Town House	\$4,892.43	\$0.00
Cemetery	\$1,522.84	\$0.00
Highway Equipment	\$13,850.12	\$6,000.00
Doc. Preservation	\$1,026.24	\$0.00
Legal Expense	\$4,036.35	\$0.00
Town Road Improve.	\$27,146.11	\$10,000.00
Land & Conservation	\$8,436.45	\$0.00
250 th Anniversary	\$0.00	\$2,000.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	<u>Estimated 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Estimated 2018</u>
<u>Taxes</u>			
Land Use Change Tax	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	\$2,000.00
Yield Tax	\$1,000.00	\$2,449.70	\$3,000.00
<u>Interest & Penalties</u>			
Delinquent Taxes	\$5,500.00	\$5,577.79	\$5,000.00
Inventory Penalties	\$1,500.00	\$1,344.00	\$1,300.00
UCC	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$30.00
Motor Vehicles	\$50,000.00	\$56,880.00	\$55,000.00

Building Permits	\$100.00	\$365.40	\$200.00
Other Lic. & Permits	\$750.00	\$1,152.84	\$1,000.00
<u>From State</u>			
Rooms & Meals Tax	\$16,000.00	\$17,062.15	\$17,000.00
Highway Block Grant	\$30,000.00	\$30,197.20	\$30,000.00
State/Fed. Forest	\$2,000.00	\$3,157.46	\$3,000.00
<u>From Other Govts.</u>			
Voter Checklist	\$30.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Interest on Investments	\$0.00	\$39.64	\$30.00
Other (Municipal Fees)	\$750.00	\$944.00	\$900.00
<u>Total Estimated Revenue and Credits</u>	\$107,660.00	\$122,730.18	\$118,760.00

	2017	2018
Recommended Operating Budget	\$234,291.00	\$212,662.00
Special Warrant Articles	\$12,000.00	\$22,000.00
Total Approp. Recommended	\$246,291.00	\$234,662.00
Less Estimated Revenue	\$107,660.00	\$118,760.00
Est. Amt. to be Raised by Taxes	\$138,631.00	\$115,902.00

Note: The 2018 budget is unanimously recommended by both the Select Board and Budget Committee.



Bill Beede's mill – a scene of more than 100 years ago. Left to right: Leon Patten, Harvey Smith, Lewis Smith, Jesse Reed, Mr. Beede
Photo printed in the Mascoma Week, September 10, 1969

2018 BUDGET SUMMARY

Level funded 15 categories

Decreased 6 categories

- Legal Expenses -\$1000.00
- Insurance -\$30.00
- Office Expenses -\$5,250.00
- Fire Protection -\$899.00
- Solid waste collection -\$19,955.00
- Health agencies -\$300.00

Increased 6 categories:

- Elections +\$1,95000
- Memberships +\$200.00
- Ambulance +\$970.00
- Building inspection +\$500.00
- Highways +\$2,000.00
- Conservation Comm. +\$185.00

Increased Capital Reserve Funds: +\$10,000.00

<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	
<i>Operating Budget</i>	\$234,291.00	\$212,662.00	-\$21,629.00
<i>Capital Reserve Funds</i>	\$12,000.00	\$22,000.00	+\$10,000.00
<i>Total Appropriations</i>	\$246,291.00	\$234,662.00	-\$11,629.00 (4.7% decrease)

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017

DEBITS:

Uncollected Taxes Beg. of Year	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Property Taxes		\$40,649.05
Timber Yield Taxes		
Betterment Taxes		
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$659.47)	
Taxes Committed This Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	\$830,690.31	
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,200.00	
Yield Taxes	\$2,449.70	
Overpayment Refunds:		
Interest-Late Tax	\$129.46	\$2,500.65
TOTAL DEBITS	\$835,810.00	\$43,149.70

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Property Taxes	\$794,851.99	\$24,986.01
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,200.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	\$2,449.70	
Interest	\$113.46	\$2,077.65
Penalties	\$16.00	\$423.00
Converted to Liens (Principal only)		\$14,628.49

Abatements Made	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Property Taxes	\$2,804.99	\$1,034.55

Uncollected Taxes

- End of Year	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Property Taxes	\$44,173.86	
Property Tax Credit		
Balance	(\$11,800.00)	
<i>TOTAL CREDITS</i>	\$835,810.00	\$43,149.70

SUMMARY OF DEBITS:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Unredeemed Lien			
Balance beg. of FY		\$6,385.77	\$6,913.23
Liens Executed FY	\$16,112.12		
Interest & Costs			
Collected	\$117.54	\$547.44	\$2,282.70
<i>TOTAL DEBITS</i>	\$16,229.66	\$6,933.21	\$9,195.93

SUMMARY OF CREDITS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Redemptions	\$405.66	\$2,608.96	\$6,913.23
Interest & Costs			
Collected	\$117.54	\$547.44	\$2,282.70
Unredeemed liens			
End of FY	\$15,706.46	\$3,776.81	\$0.00
<i>TOTAL LIEN CREDITS</i>	\$16,229.66	\$6,933.21	\$9,195.93

*Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector
Town of Orange*

TREASURER'S REPORT 2017

CASH ON HAND	\$319,924.78
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
From bank	\$39.64
From Select Board	\$501.74
From Tax Collector	\$839,509.71
From State of New Hampshire	\$69,336.83
From Town Clerk	\$59,200.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$968,588.42
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Payment interest on Tax Anticipation Note	\$2,688.41
Payment by order of Selectmen	\$977,606.54
Difference between Treasury Exp. & Select Bd	(\$69.66)
Transfer to Trust Funds	\$12,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$992,111.69
CASH ON HAND	\$296,401.51
PRINCIPLE BORROWED ON TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE	\$308,700.00
<u>EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES</u>	
Miscellaneous Deposit Difference	(\$0.34)
\$70.00 check expensed in 2016, reissued in 2017	\$70.00

*Respectfully submitted,
Tessa Michetti, Treasurer
Trish Weekes, Deputy Treasurer*

2017 REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

COMMON TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERIES

	Dec. 31, 2016	2017 Int.	Dec. 31, 2017
Hannah M. French	\$1,074.27	\$9.97	\$1,084.24
Jennie M. French	1,392.43	12.94	1,405.37
Arthur Briggs	505.65	4.71	510.36
Clara Huse	466.96	4.34	471.30
Asa Hoyt	479.70	4.47	484.17
Harry Eastman	1,308.18	12.16	1,320.34
Abbie Fellows	1,472.69	13.69	1,486.38
Adoniram Ford	1,502.05	13.92	1,515.97
Charles Ford	1,563.23	14.54	1,577.77
Lyman Batchelder	477.69	4.44	482.13

(There were no withdrawals from the above cemetery trusts.)

ERNEST KILTON BARNARD MEMORIAL FUND

Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$12,126.94; Interest: \$112.66; Balance
Dec. 31, 2017: \$12,239.60

CAPITAL RESERVES

- *Highway Equipment*: Dec. 31, 2016: \$11,739.72; deposit per vote at 2017 town meeting: \$2,000.00; interest: \$110.40; Dec. 31, 2017 balance: \$13,850.12
- *Town Road Improvement*: Dec. 31, 2016: \$20,947.49; deposit per vote at 2017 town meeting: \$6,000.00; interest: \$198.62; Dec. 31, 2017 balance: \$27,146.11
- *Revaluation*: Dec. 31, 2016: \$4,276.91; deposit per vote at 2017 town meeting: \$4,000.00; interest: \$42.42; Dec. 31, 2017 balance: \$8,319.33
- *Town House*: Dec. 31, 2016: \$4,850.28; interest: \$45.85; Dec. 31, 2017 balance: \$4,896.13
- *Town Document Preservation*: Dec. 31, 2016: \$1,016.80; interest: \$9.44; Dec. 31, 2017 balance: \$1,026.24

- *Land & Conservation*: Dec. 31, 2016: \$8,358.78, interest: \$77.67; balance Dec. 31, 2017: \$8,436.45
- *Cemetery Monuments*: Dec. 31, 2016: \$1,508.82; interest: \$14.02; balance Dec. 31, 2017 balance: \$1,522.84
- *Legal Expense*: December 31, 2016: \$4,000.00; interest: \$36.35; balance Dec. 31, 2017: \$4,036.35.

Cemeteries: **\$10,338.03**

Kilton Fund: **\$12,239.60**

Capital Reserves: **\$69,233.57**

Grand Total: **\$91,811.20**

Total interest gained in 2016: \$36.37

Total interest gained in 2017: \$753.01

*Respectfully submitted by the Trustees of Trust Funds,
Nathaniel Emerson, Chair; Nancy Quilty, Pauline Emerson*

**ORANGE TOWN CLERK REPORT
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Automobile Registrations	\$57,281.00
Automobile Titles	\$108.00
Municipal Fees	\$970.00
Dog Licenses	\$463.50
UCC Fees	\$60.00
Vital Records	\$15.00
Voter List	\$300.00
Copies	\$3.00
TOTAL	\$59,200.50

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sophie Seace, Orange Town Clerk*

*You can register
your vehicle online at
www.Orangenh.us*



2017 PROPERTY TAXES DATA

Town appropriations: \$246,291

Less Revenue: \$125,810

Add Overlay per RSA 76:6: \$1,947

Add War Service Credits: \$2,400

Total municipal tax effort: \$124,828

Net local school apportionment: \$869,612

Less Education grant: \$219,821

Less Education Tax (from below): \$68,806

Total school tax effort: \$580,985

Education Tax: \$68,806

County Tax: \$56,790

Total Taxes Assessed: \$831,409

Less War Service Credits: \$2,400

Total Property Tax Commitment: \$829,009

TAX RATES PER \$1000 OF VALUATION

	Town	Mascoma School District	State Education	County	Total Tax Rate
2017	\$3.88	\$18.07	\$2.20	\$1.77	\$25.92
2016	\$3.71	\$17.16	\$2.15	\$1.73	\$24.75
2015	\$4.45	\$11.70	\$2.74	\$1.54	\$20.43
2014	\$3.07	\$15.02	\$2.54	\$2.00	\$22.63
2013	\$2.50	\$14.92	\$2.47	\$1.66	\$21.55
2012	\$4.10	\$11.59	\$2.46	\$1.62	\$19.77
2011	\$2.00	\$14.85	\$2.62	\$1.50	\$20.97
2010	\$2.21	\$13.33	\$2.49	\$1.49	\$19.52
2009	\$4.05	\$11.92	\$2.12	\$1.44	\$19.53

The variation in the town tax rate is based on how much of the municipal operating budget is offset by a portion of the unreserved fund balance; none was available in 2017.

2017 SUMMARY OF VALUATION

	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Current Use	8,657.97	\$487,574
Residential	958.63	\$9,215,600
Commercial	88.01	\$215,300
Taxable total acreage	9,704.61	\$9,918,474
Non-taxable*	5,350.13	\$3,748,600

*Town property and State, including Cardigan State Forest

Residential buildings	\$19,678,100
Manufactured Housing	\$1,196,900
Commercial Buildings	\$466,400
Total Taxable Buildings	\$21,341,400
Non-taxable buildings (Town House)	\$165,100
Utilities:	\$919,100
Total valuation before exemptions:	\$32,178,974
Less elderly exemption: \$25,000	

Net Valuation: \$32,153,974

Town, County, and Mascoma School District taxes are based on the above net valuation.

State Education Tax is based on valuation minus the utilities value of \$919,100. (\$31,234,874)

Current Use Acreage and Values:

Farmland: 157.68 acres - \$53,529

Forest Land: 7,242.08 acres - \$396,466

Forest Land w/ Doc. Stewardship: 1,154.41 acres -\$35,697

Unproductive Land: 42.4 acres - \$714

Wetland: 61.4 - \$1,168

Other Current Use Statistics:

Receiving 20% recreation adjustment: 4,431.13 acres

Removed from current use in 2017: 0 acres

Total parcels in current use: 135

Total number of current use land owners: 97

2017 SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Properties (assessed values):

- Map 1- Lot 34, Route 4, 0.10 acre (possible site of 1804 municipal toll booth), value: \$1,200
- Map 1- Lot 57, Tuttle Hill Road, 0.65 acre (vacant lot), value: \$18,600
- Map 3- Lot 3-3, Tug Mountain Road, 0.38 acre, Common Cemetery, value: \$16,300
- Map 3 - Lot 11, 8 Town House Road, 2.27 acres, land value: \$41,100, building (town house): \$142,300
- Map 3- Lot 56, Cardigan Mountain Road, 11.25 acres, "Williams Lot," value: \$40,200
- Map 3- Lot 100, Cardigan Mountain Road, 0.37 acre, French Cemetery, value: \$17,900
- Map 3- Lot 100-1, Cardigan Mountain Road, 0.75 acre, Church Cemetery, value: \$19,400
- Map 7- Lot 3, Alexandria town line, 8.9 acres on the north flank of Firescrew Mountain, value: \$12,000

Highway Department:

- 2008 Ford 350 Truck: \$18,000
- Fisher XV2 Minute Mount Plow: \$6,000
- Fisher XV Minute Mount Plow: \$2,500
- Fisher Polycast Sander: \$4,000
- 2001 York Rake: \$1,500
- Other equipment: \$960

Other:

- Town house, general contents: \$46,000
- Historical collection: \$5,042
- Art collection: \$7,385
- Set of six display units: \$3,000
- Gary Hamel 23 historical panels: \$7,500
- Standby generator: \$3,500

Properties:	\$309,000.00
Highway Department:	\$32,960.00
Other:	\$72,427.00

TOTAL: \$414,387.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF 2017 VOUCHERS

Salary

Tessa Michetti	\$1,425.00
Sophie Seace	\$3,388.00
Patricia White	\$1,129.82
Robert Proulx	\$140.00
David Stacy	\$140.00
Trish Weekes	\$1,234.20
Angell and Company	\$500.00
Dorothy Heinrichs	\$2,000.00
Lyell Smith	\$2,000.00
Robert Ells	\$2,000.00
Sandi Pierson	\$10,137.94
Nathaniel Emerson	\$115.00
Pauline Emerson	\$100.00
Nancy Quilty	\$100.00
Sharon Proulx	\$2,232.00

Elections and Registrations

Daniel Hazelton	\$165.00
Beth DiFrancesco	\$135.00
Laurie Sanborn	\$135.00
Betsy Coble	\$135.00
Gary Hamel	\$100.00
Patricia White	\$100.00
Sophie Seace	\$100.00
Dorothy Heinrichs	\$100.00
Robert Ells	\$100.00
Lyell Smith	\$100.00

Financial Administration (Deeds)

Grafton County Reg. Of Deeds	\$66.94
------------------------------	---------

Revaluation

Avitar Associates Of N.E.	\$4,242.00
---------------------------	------------

Legal

Gardner, Fulton and Waugh PLLC	\$2,255.21
--------------------------------	------------

FICA	
FICA payments	\$2,329.97
Planning and Zoning	-\$189.25
Valley News	\$100.65
Sandi Pierson (ZBA clerical)	\$88.60
General Government Buildings	
Canaan Hardware	\$184.40
Fairpoint Communications	\$2,252.20
Canaan FAST	\$187.00
Town of Hanover (alarm monitoring)	\$460.00
Brent Stevens	\$53.70
Hampshire Fire Protection	\$35.00
Young's Propane	\$1,688.09
NH Electric Co-op	\$931.39
Dorothy Heinrichs	\$79.99
Cemeteries	
D & B Outdoor Power Equipment	\$1,000.00
Canaan Hardware	\$151.87
Barry Geddis	\$1,645.65
Papa Z's	\$10.00
Insurance	
Primex	\$1,794.00
Memberships	
NH Health Officers Association	\$35.00
NH Association Of Assessing Officials	\$20.00
NH Municipal Association	\$1,020.00
NH City & Town Clerks Association	\$20.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Reg. Pl. Comm.	\$4.64
NH Local Welfare Admin. Assoc	\$30.00
NH City & Town Clerks Association	\$20.00
Officer Expenses	
Nathaniel Emerson	\$10.00
NH Health Officers Association	\$35.00
Gnomon Copy	\$505.15
Trish Weekes	\$370.90

Robert Proulx	\$75.60
Sharon Proulx	\$258.46
U.S. Postal Service	\$417.49
Staples	\$608.93
Valley News	\$141.35
Sophie Seace	\$382.05
Carol Elliott, Registrar of Deeds	\$100.00
Sandi Pierson	\$382.40
Jay Heinrichs	\$50.89
Mascoma Savings Bank	\$25.00
Intuit Quickbooks	\$500.00
Patricia White	\$142.64
Treasurer, State Of NH	\$173.00
Interware Development Co.	\$4,450.00
Price Digests	\$65.95
NH Dept. Of Employment Security	\$50.00
NH Municipal Association	\$40.00
Robert Ells	\$13.75

Ambulance Coverage

Canaan FAST	\$5,650.00
-------------	------------

Fire Coverage

Town Of Canaan, NH	\$13,831.00
--------------------	-------------

Building Inspection

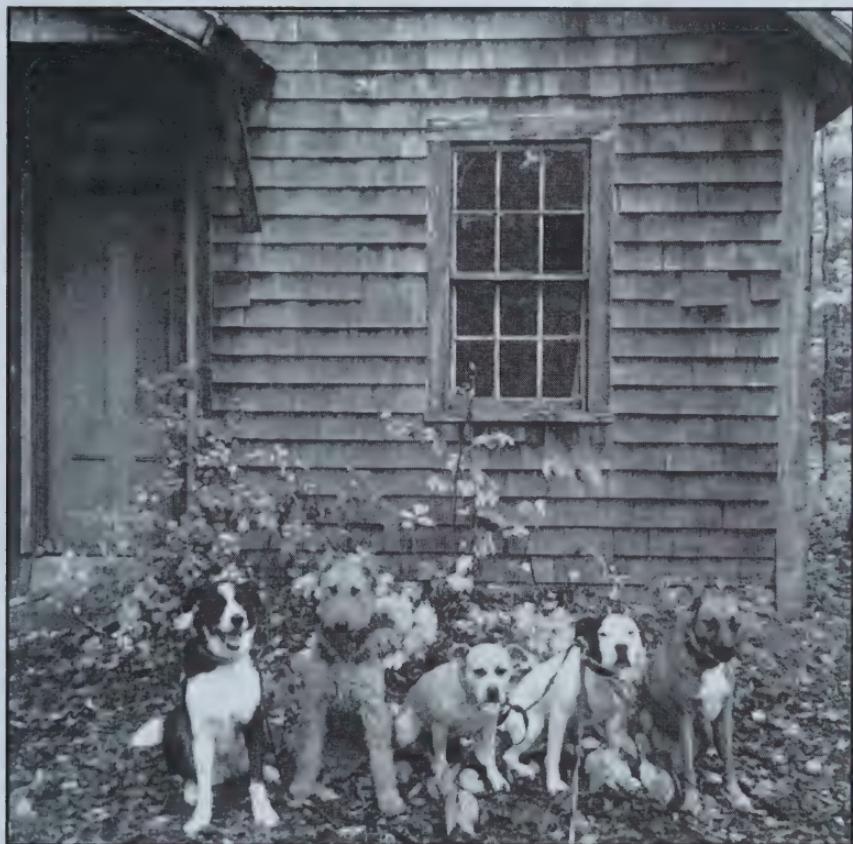
Donald Pfaefflin	\$1,515.80
------------------	------------

Highway

J & B Autoworx & Tire	\$618.67
Dyer's Welding	\$7,796.32
Papa Z's	\$726.11
Pike Industries	\$2,288.28
Granite State Glass	\$278.70
Scott Sanborn	\$3,582.80
Canaan Hardware	\$102.66
NH Public Works Mutual Aid	\$25.00
Richard Remacle Construction	\$70,035.00

Solid Waste	
Casella	\$36,492.24
Welfare Assistance	
None spent	\$0.00
Health	
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$500.00
American Red Cross	\$152.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council	\$750.00
Mascoma Valley Health Initiative	\$248.00
Tri-County CAP	\$114.00
Upper Valley Haven	\$150.00
Visiting Nurse Association Of VT & NH	\$1,300.00
West Central Behavioral Health Services	\$350.00
Upper Valley Humane Society	\$300.00
Plymouth Village Sewer Dist.	\$100.00
Donald Pfaefflin	\$463.50
NH Health Officers Association	\$35.00
Library	
Canaan Town Library	\$4,000.00
Culture and Recreation	
None spent	\$0.00
Timber Monitor	
None spent	\$0.00
Conservation	
Christine Schadler	\$200.00
Gary Hamel	\$95.88
TAN Interest	
Mascoma Savings Bank	\$2,688.41
County payment	
Grafton County	\$56,790.00
School payment	
Mascoma School District	\$711,788.76
2017 Funds encumbered	
	\$1,200.00

REPORTS



The Dog Days of Summer at Orange Pond Schoolhouse

Canines from nearby Good Dogma line up in perfect student behavior at the historic Orange Pond School house located at the home of Jim Collins and Kristin Lane on Tuttle Hill. From left to right, these charming dogs are Winston, Dumbledore, Luv, Zen, and Yoga. Photo courtesy of Paula Bergeron.

2017 REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

After a busy 2016, 2017 was quiet. Most Selectboard meetings focused on issuing building and Intent to Cut permits and paying the bills. In order to comply with state regulations, the Selectboard sent out a Notice of Rate of Pay and Compensation notices to all town employees.

In an effort initiated by Jay Heinrichs, 2nd district Congresswoman Annie McLane Kuster arranged for an American flag to be flown over the US Capitol. The flag was presented at the 2016 Town Meeting. The flagpole was donated by the Heinrichs and was assembled by Dave Stacy who leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance every March as we open our Town Meeting.

Industrial Wind: Proposed industrial wind projects directly affecting our town and surrounding areas have been a major focus over the last few years. In the spring of 2017 we were notified that Energias de Portugal had withdrawn the Spruce Ridge Wind Project application, a project that would have critically compromised a number of ridgetops in Orange and surrounding towns. We offer our sincere thanks to the Planning Board for the exceptional effort they put forth to inform the community of the proposed industrial wind project and for giving the townspeople the opportunity to voice their views by way of presentations and warrant articles.

Unusually heavy spring rains made access to Cardigan Mountain State Park a challenge late into the



Select Board members Skip Smith, Bob Ells, and Dorothy Heinrichs

spring. The trails were closed due to mud and then after a period of severe downpours, the access road washed out. Later in the year, the state portion of Cardigan Mountain Road seriously deteriorated. Multiple requests for repair were made to the State garage. The repairs were finally made when the Selectboard wrote to Commission Sheehan of the Department of Transportation. Within days the road was fixed.

At the backside of the townhouse, during our May clean-up day, many years of leaf accumulation was removed which revealed significant depressions in the landscape that abutted the building. In order to mitigate proper water drain-off, these depressions were filled with topsoil and seeded with grass. This strip of land now gently slopes away from the building and is part of the maintained lawn.

Smallpox in Orange? In the 1780's, when Orange was still known as Cardigan, Dartmouth College built a structure to house students and faculty suffering from smallpox. The July 11, 2016 issue of the Valley News detailed Orange historian Gary Hamel's search for the old cellar hole.

As Gary Hamel continues his preparations for a celebration of the town's 250th anniversary next year, he sought approval first from the town and then the State Director of Historical Resources to put up a sign marking the historic David Ames cellar hole which was the home of Samuel Bagley. In 1792, thirteen residents of Orange gathered there to cast their votes for General George Washington for President. The board and State gave the Historical Commission permission for the site to be cleared in the coming year.

In August we were visited by Miles Sinclair representing the town of Groton with whom Orange shares a common 2.8-mile boundary. Groton was preparing to undertake a perambulation of their borders and invited Orange to participate and share costs. In November, our road agent and professional surveyor Scott Sanborn accompanied Mr. Sinclair on an all day hike to find and mark the boundaries. Thanks to the donation of time and documentation by Scott Sanborn, there was no cost to the town

for the perambulation. Anyone interested in seeing their report may see the map in the Selectboard office.

A few financial notes: in August, the Board received notice from the Department of Transportation that the town would soon be in receipt of \$18,920, courtesy of Senate Bill 38. These funds were not accounted for in the municipal budget so the town needed to vote to accept the funds, which was done at a public hearing held on September 12th. Town Road Agent Scott Sanborn suggested that the funds be encumbered for use on the badly deteriorated Peaslee and New Colony Roads during the 2018 road repair season. These unanticipated funds are intended for projects outside of the scope of what is considered “regular maintenance” such as plowing and grading.

When we received word of a notable increase from our propane dealer, Bob Ells took to the phones and negotiated a drop from a proposed \$4.93/gallon to \$1.99. Thanks, Bob!

TRASH

In August, the town’s waste collector, Casella Resource Solutions, notified the town that the rates for the weekly trash and recycling service would increase from \$34,000 to \$54,000 for 2017. Skip Smith led the effort to research alternatives exploring other large waste collection services (there are none that come out to Orange), smaller providers (too small), or returning to using the Canaan Transfer Station. Thank you, Skip, for helping to find the best solution for the town.

Canaan Town Manager Mike Sampson came to the October 10th meeting to discuss the services that would be provided for an estimated \$14,000. The Selectboard sent a letter inviting all town residents to come and discuss the options. Many residents were unhappy with recent service, citing missed trash collection days and the mingling of trash and recyclables reported by one resident. More than 20 town residents attended the November 14th meeting and after discussion of the pros and cons, the sense of the meeting was unanimous – those present urged the Selectboard to sign a contract with the Town of Canaan to use the transfer station. The board agreed and late in December,

Sandi Pierson, Skip Smith, Dorothy Heinrichs and Trish Weekes issued transfer stickers for use in 2018.

Land that is owner unknown: The tax maps reveal a couple of small landlocked parcels of which the ownership is unknown. An abutter to one of these parcels which lies on the south slope of Tuttle Hill, asked if he could purchase it from the town (annex it to his property). On the advice of the town's attorney, an assessment card was created for the parcel and certified letters were sent out to all abutters requesting they come forward if they have any documentation of ownership. This request was also published in the Valley News. If in three years no documentation of ownership comes forward, the parcel may be formally acquired as town-owned land. At that time the Board will review their options.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

Cemetery Commission

ANNUAL THANK YOU LIST

The Budget Committee, Dave Stacy, Sophie Seace and Bob Proulx, always does yeoman's work in examining year-to-year expenses and proposing a workable budget.

Our tax collector, Sharon Proulx, spends about 200 hours a year preparing the tax statements, recording payments and working with residents to address their issues or concerns. Thank you for handling this challenging job with both precision and grace. Sharon's job was made additionally challenging when Sharon's computer quit. Then, just as our property taxes were due, Congress passed new federal tax legislation



*Welcome aboard, Cameron!
Congratulations to parents
Don and Karen McFarlane*

affecting the deductibility of property taxes for the coming year. Tax collectors and residents were uncertain whether they could prepay their taxes.

Thanks to the road agent for keeping our roads in good shape come snow, ice, flood waters, or downed trees.

Thanks to the volunteers who put the Town House grounds in tiptop condition on our May green-up day, and to those who participated by cleaning up roadways. It was a delightful way to meet many of our new neighbors. We hope you will mark your calendar for the 2018 green-up day.

As always, thank you to the many volunteers who make the Orange Festival and Christmas party possible. This year's Christmas Critter Tales was written by Mellissa Ells, a junior at Mascoma High School. Thanks, too, to those who show up with a rake or a broom whenever help is needed.

Special thanks from the board to Sandi Pierson who not only so ably serves the board but also assists town residents with dozens of requests and inquiries when she is in the office. Sandi is a notary and is available to notarize documents for residents free of charge. Get in touch with Sandi directly to make an appointment.



Gary Hamel and Dorothy Heinrichs pause to chat and admire the colorful flowers in the Town House garden.

Our thanks to Gary Hamel for the many hours he has put into our Town House garden. The flowering displays this year were magnificent!

Finally, thank you to Selectman Skip Smith for his many years of service to the town. He first served on the Select Board from 1981 to 1990. He was called into service again when a state judge appointed Skip and Bob Ells to fill open seats on the Selectboard board in 2015. Skip's attention to detail, his calm exploration of options, and his commitment to doing his best for the town have always been evident. We will miss having Skip on the board.

This little town couldn't run without the service of our town officials and our many volunteers. There isn't room enough to list the countless ways they go the extra mile to ensure the smooth running of our town. Thank you all.

ORANGE WEBSITE INFORMATION

Get automatic emails with Town announcements and news by going to **Orangenh.US**. Other features:

- ✓ An up to date Orange calendar
- ✓ Links to useful sites
- ✓ Photos by Orange residents
- ✓ Town minutes and documents
- ✓ Just about all town forms can be accessed
- ✓ **AND NOW YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR CARS
ONLINE BY VISITING Orangenh.US!!**

Orangenh.US is funded and maintained by volunteers, at no expense to taxpayers.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Heinrichs, Robert Ells, and Lyell Smith
Select Board, Town of Orange*

The town report in its entirety can be viewed in
full color at www.Orangenh.us

2017 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Orange Planning Board, in its usual cooperative and harmonious fashion, had a productive year in 2017. With no new business brought before the Board during the first few months of the year, we took a short breather from ongoing efforts to refine, clarify and improve our ordinances and regulations, attending only to immediately necessary business, then rolled our sleeves back up during the summer and fall.

There were no membership changes in 2017. Judith Lindahl and Sal Guadagnino were re-elected to serve through 2020, and Robert Ells continued as the Select Board ex officio member. Scott Sanborn was re-elected as Chair, Judith as Vice-Chair, and Bob Proulx as Secretary.

In May, the Board hosted John Stevens from the NH Department of Safety for an informational presentation on planned upgrades to the nationwide emergency response system being considered at the state level, and their potential for associated increased broadband service to Orange. The full Planning Board and two members of the Select Board attended along with a few members of the public.

An application was submitted and a public hearing held on a 3-lot minor subdivision in July which was reviewed and approved upon determination that it met all applicable regulations. In August, an application for a minor dimensional variance to the building setback for a barn was reviewed and referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment with the recommendation to approve on the grounds that granting the variance would protect steep slope and wetland areas. The variance was subsequently approved by the Zoning Board.

During the fall, the Board followed up on a previous review that found some potential flaws in the definitions pertaining to “dwellings and “mobile homes” in our Zoning Ordinance. These definitions were revised along with a couple of other “housekeeping” issues found during the process. The proposed

changes were reviewed at a public hearing after which the Board unanimously voted to submit them to the voters for approval. These proposed changes are presented in Article 2 on the 2018 Warrant. Minor revisions were also made to Site Plan Review and Subdivision regulations to reflect a new state law requiring new applications to be submitted 21 days prior to a hearing, up from the previous 15 days. These were accepted by the Board after a public hearing, and do not require approval by the legislative body.

We feel that we continue to keep Orange in a good position to deal responsibly with current land use issues. Probably up next on the table are discussions to explore how to apply sound planning practices to solar power installations. Certainly, the preliminary sense of the Board is that solar power is a positive direction in which to move in our efforts to promote cleaner, “greener” energy sources.

The Chairman wishes to thank the members of the Planning Board for their commitment and thoughtful considerations to the planning issues that impact the Town of Orange. Thanks also, to our Board of Selectmen for their dedication to the town, and Town Attorney Bernie Waugh for being ever available to provide insight and legal wisdom. We also thank the members of the public who have provided input at our meetings and public hearings.

The Planning Board holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. Those wishing to be heard formally by the board, whether to discuss a subdivision or boundary adjustment, or any topic of general interest related to planning and zoning may ask to be placed on the agenda by contacting Secretary Robert Proulx at 523-4590, or Chairman Scott Sanborn at 523-7240. The public is always encouraged to attend our meetings, and the Board is pleased to hear questions or comments whether on the agenda or not. It is recommended to check ahead, as meetings may be cancelled if there is no business requiring the board’s attention. As the Chairman, I know I can speak on behalf the entire Board when I say that we

look forward to continuing to serve the Town of Orange in the year 2018.

*Respectfully submitted,
Scott Sanborn, Chair*

The Orange Cut on the Northern Railroad



The Orange Cut is the highest point on the Northern rail trail at 986 feet. The trail slopes 622 feet to the west at White River Junction and 716 feet to the east at Concord. This height of land separates the Connecticut and Merrimack watersheds. This section of the Northern Railroad, the last to be completed, was done between 1846 and 1847. Workers on each end of the cut drilled the stone by hand, with a blacksmith on site to keep the tools sharp.

2017 REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT

Thank you once again for the privilege of allowing me to serve the Town of Orange as your Road Agent.

As always, many thanks are due to Richard Remacle and his employees for their top quality work and responsiveness to the towns needs. It continues to be my utmost pleasure to work with him and his crew. Thanks also to the Board of Selectmen for their accessibility, confidence and cooperation and to Sandi Pierson for keeping us all in touch with each other and on track. Much gratitude to the residents of Orange for their support, and particularly for those times when I never even hear about trees blocking the road because one or more of you have simply cranked up your own chain saw to take care of it! Finally, but most certainly not the in the least, thanks to my wife Laurie for putting up with the sometimes crazy hours and the occasional need to bend schedules to the whim of the weather. To anyone I may have overlooked I extend my apologies and gratitude.

The latter half of winter 2016-2017 gave us a bit more snow than we've seen in the previous few years, and though we had a mild November and later than usual start to winter in 2017-2018, December and early January gave us a 4 week stretch of frequent storms, followed by some heavy rains and icing ... ahh, winter in New Hampshire! We'll see what the next six weeks brings. Richard has a new driver for his large plow truck this year, Russell Christian, who has been doing an outstanding job.

Mud season was pretty typical this year, perhaps helped along a bit by a foot plus of snow on March 31/April 1. Things dried out pretty well by late April, and the rest of the summer gave us little in the way of severe weather.

The calm stretch ended in October, with a severe rain and wind event on the 30th - 31st. This resulted in a number of downed trees and washouts, but most everything remained passable except for one spot on Burnt Hill Road. It was the following day before

Richard could access his equipment to begin repairs due to flooding of the Indian River, but within 48 to 72 hours, we had everything restored to its previous condition with the exception of the turnaround at the end of Skyline Drive which will be completed in the spring. This event was declared a Federal Disaster in early January of 2018, and the Town has begun the process of applying to FEMA for recovery of funds spent on storm related repairs.

There was an under-expenditure last year in the highway budget line item; this was not due to a lack of projects, but more due to busy schedules in the “day jobs” of both the Road Agent and our contractor. We’ll get back to them in 2018. We received a one-time grant in 2017 from the state with some additional funds – around \$19,000 - to go toward long term improvement projects, and those have been encumbered for use in 2018.

You will note that we have asked for more funding than previous years for the highway related capital reserve funds. In my opinion, we are only a year or two away from when we need to “bite the bullet” and repave the roads that were not done in 2012. The more we have in the Highway Improvement Capital Reserve



Town House Road leading to the former Free Will Baptist Church, now the home of Tamara Fairbank. Photo taken on April 4, 1947 and is from the collection of Robert Terhune.

Fund, the less that would have be financed by bond. I expect the total costs to be somewhere in the range of \$150,000 to \$180,000. I will be obtaining quotes this summer, and will work with the Select Board to put together a proposal to hopefully bring before the voters next spring or in 2020 at the latest. I believe this is easily the most critical maintenance need faced by the highway department at this time.

A less critical item, but one that will need to be addressed soon is replacement of the town truck. It is 10 years old this year, and though the mileage is low, it gets worked extremely hard in the winter, and then is not used very much during the summer. With no town garage available to keep it in, it is exposed to the elements year-round, and this is taking its toll. Annual undercoating helps to stave off the effects, but cannot stop them altogether. While still fully functional, its reliability is decreasing, and given that it is the only town-owned vehicle available to our highway department, that reliability is crucial. As with the paving, it seems prudent to have as much of the cost covered without having to pay interest on a bond as possible.

I can be reached by phone at 603-667-8237 or by email at scsanborn@myfairpoint.net at any time with questions, concerns or to report a problem. As most of you probably know, I juggle my duties to the town with my day job so I can't always promise an immediate response except in the case of serious emergencies, but the concerns of the townspeople are important to me and I will continue to do my best to keep our roads safe and well maintained. There is also a much under-utilized service provided to the town by Jay & Dorothy Heinrichs in the form of their community website www.orangenh.us which includes a discussion page on roads where residents are invited to share their thoughts.

I look forward to hopefully continuing to serve our community in 2018.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Sanborn, Road Agent*

AUDITOR'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2017

We were engaged to perform procedures outlined in the State form MS-60 for calendar year 2016, which is the basis of the findings and recommendations listed below.

Verify Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds Are Entirely Expendable:

Cemetery Perpetual Care funds reported on the State form MS-9 are listed as entirely expendable. Typically, Cemetery Perpetual Care funds include a non-expendable (Principal) portion that would provide funds in perpetuity.

Recommendation – We recommend the Trustees investigate and determine whether the Cemetery Perpetual Care funds carry a non-expendable balance that would provide income for the trust in perpetuity.

Adopt An investment Policy Annually:

We could not find evidence that the Town or the Trustees of Trust Funds adopted an investment policy pursuant to RSA 31:25.

Recommendation – We recommend the Town and Trustees adopt an investment policy annually. Additionally, we recommend the Trustees record the adoption of the investment policy in the minutes of their meetings.

Document Deposit “Chain of Custody”:

The Town deposits funds to the bank without a deposit slip that creates a carbon copy. The carbon copy helps track custody of funds, as well as, verify cash and check collections are maintained through the deposit process.

Recommendation – We recommend the Town utilize deposit slips with carbon copy, which can usually be obtained from the Town's financial institution.

Overall, we again found the Town's employees, elected leaders, and volunteers to be truly concerned and engaged in the Town's finances.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mathew Angell
Angell and Company, LLC
Manchester, NH*



John Q. Ricard atop Cardigan at age 8 in 1952

2017 REPORT OF THE ORANGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The year 2017 has been a busy and productive one for the Orange Historical Commission. We have met monthly in an effort to continue to research our town history. Since January, 2017, Gary Hamel has devoted at least two days each week to the writing of the history. The first three chapters are complete: Natural Features, The Abenakis, and The Town Charter. The other twelve chapters have been outlined, and all related information has been filed in chapter folders. Greg Franklin, a graphic designer, and Barbara Jones, who has over forty years of experience in publishing, met with the Commission members to discuss the inner workings of publishing the Orange town history. Both individuals were very knowledgeable, informative and helpful. We have received two foundation grants and a generous donation from the Orange Harvest Festival to help us with the preparation and printing of the history.

The New Hampshire Bureau of Historic Sites has granted us permission to install a sign in the Mount Cardigan State Park to identify the cellar hole site of the David Adams home where the voters of Orange first gathered to vote for George Washington for President. Gary Hamel has worked to remove the brush in



The old Halfway House located on Cardigan Mountain where the parking area is now, served climbers from about 1888 until it burned down in 1919.

the area, and has designed the text for the sign. The Orange Pest House and the fire in Canaan were the subjects of feature articles in the Valley News which Gary contributed to.

The Commission has received many generous donations to our historical collection. Judith Lindahl donated many artifacts from the Peterson farm, now her home. A display will be set up in the meeting room showcase. Framed photos of Henry Newell Eastman (1847-1915) and his wife Harriet Brock Eastman (1852-1927) were given by Susan Gunn Bromley from the Colin and Mary Gunn home. An early framed photo of the Orange Town House with the school children and their male teacher was donated by the Bobbi Lynn Barney Eastman family. Albert and Pauline Emerson donated a handmade yoke that Albert's grandfather used for gathering sap. Photos of the top of Mount Cardigan and the fire tower, taken when Jim Ricard was fire tower watchman, were donated by Donna Ricard Allen. Sandi Pierson donated a copy of her latest article about the Kimball Hill Cemetery for our archives. It was an interesting article that everyone should read and perhaps take the time to go on the journey. Robert Terhune gave us copies of 1947 photographs of the Town House and the Church.



This photo of the Harvey Smith residence, the last house in Orange before reaching the Groton line, was taken about 1910. Posing for the camera are, from left: Ed Smith, Leon Patten, Maud Smith Wescott, Della Smith Chellis, Clara Smith (wife of Harvey), Florence Smith, Jesse Reed, Bill Beede, Harvey Smith, unidentified man, Lewis Smith.

There was one request for a genealogy by the Peterson family. Two of John Peterson's descendants visited for a weekend in Orange and were hosted by Judith Lindahl and Robert and Beverly Ells.

Orange was chartered in February of 1769, and we will be celebrating our 250th anniversary as a town in 2019. In preparation for that celebration, we have been accepting ideas for events and activities. Some of those ideas include:

- Write and publish a town history
- A birthday party at the 2019 March town Meeting
- A traditional New England dance with a caller
- Erection of a Veterans' memorial
- Creation of a history trail in Orange
- Hold an old fashion ice cream social
- Pot luck suppers with historical speakers
- Exhibits of historical memorabilia
- An art show featuring Orange and Mount Cardigan
- Erect a memorial stone to the Waldo family
- Do something appropriate with the Orange Town Park
- Publish a volume of the Hobart letters, 1850-1900
- Sponsor a night of music at the Town House
- A one act play about Nathan Waldo

An undertaking of this magnitude will require the support and involvement of many citizens. We will start the process in March and have initial signup sheets at Town Meeting. We hope that everyone will volunteer to help with at least one activity. Organizational meetings will be scheduled later this year, and as time goes on there will be several other opportunities for you to get involved with our 250th Anniversary Celebration.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Proulx, Chair*

(Photos for the Historical Commission report are from the September 10, 1969 Mascoma Week newspaper)

2017 REPORT OF THE ORANGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Orange Conservation Commission had an active and fruitful 2017. In April, we welcomed town residents and folks from neighboring towns to hear noted canid expert Chris Schadler give a presentation about coyotes in New Hampshire. Schadler is a member of the North East Wolf Coalition, serves as the NH and VT representative for Project Coyote, and is the author of a forthcoming book, *Becoming Wolf: the Eastern Coyote in New England*. She spoke to a standing-room only crowd and we came away with much valuable and fascinating information about this elusive, extraordinary animal. The full dessert table was quite a hit as well.

The Commission hosted an annual cleanup day in early May, focusing on the Town House and the

principal roads in town. After cleaning the Town house grounds, an old-fashion ice cream social was enjoyed by all. During the clean-up day, Gary Hamel spent his time in the garden that graces the hillside in front of the Town House. Gary has spent a considerable time during 2017 working in this garden that has resulted in a beautiful, colorful display. Gary, also the town historian, has been collecting plants from old abandoned cellar holes in town and has incorporated some of them into the garden. In the fall, the Commission purchased a great number of daffodil



Chris Schadler speaks to packed room during our coyote presentation

bulbs that Gary industriously planted all about the garden. Look for the colorful display this spring.

The Commission was pleased to have two newly appointed members, Trish and Doug Weekes, join the committee in the fall.



Sharon Proulx, Gary Hamel, and Tamara Fairbank cleaning up the Town House grounds at our annual Greenup Day while canines Cuckoo and Lily frolic about in the leaves.

The principal work of the OCC is updating the Orange Natural Resources Inventory in preparation for the celebration of Orange's 250th anniversary in 2019. Committee members have divided the work into the following assignments:

Sandi Pierson is writing descriptions of Orange's trails both those commonly used and easily found and those that are almost lost. A summary of the mines and their geology will also be included. Sandi is collecting essays that have a slant on the natural environment of Orange which we look forward to including.

Trish and Doug Weekes are focusing on maps and watersheds. The last NRI contained many maps but they focused on the area of the town in the Mascoma River Watershed, leaving uncovered

the substantial portions of the town that drain to the Merrimack and Pemigewasset rivers, Newfound Lake and the many sub-watersheds such as the Baker and Smith rivers.

Dave Stacy is preparing a section on hunting and fishing. He will provide an update on the recommendations made in the last Natural Resources Inventory.

Dorothy Heinrichs has written sections on what to expect when you head outdoors during each month of the year as well as a list of actions we can personally take to keep Orange's natural wonders and resources in good health. Dorothy also is compiling a list of wildlife that are found in town.

Jay Heinrichs will help oversee production of the finished NRI. Everyone on the commission is collecting and taking photographs.

We encourage all who wish to get involved with Conservation Commission, especially to assist with the completion of the draft of the NRI by June 1. Contact Dorothy (the Chair) or any of the members for more information. Members are appointed by vote of the Selectboard.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Heinrichs, Chair; David Stacy, Vice Chair;
Jay Heinrichs, Sandi Pierson, Trish Weekes, Doug Weekes*



*"Hey, where
did the forest
disappear to?"*

2017 REPORT OF THE ORANGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

This is the 25th year offering scholarships to students living in Orange, graduating from high school, and going on to further their education. Students graduating in 2018 should watch for the application which will be mailed in February. Return of the application to the Scholarship Committee must be made by May 1, 2018. High school students who live in Orange and are graduating from schools other than Mascoma Valley Regional High School should contact the committee directly.

In 2017, we awarded one scholarship. We did not sell cookies and homemade preserves at Canaan Old Home Days. We were fortunate to receive some of the proceeds from the Town of Orange Harvest Festival.

We would like to invite anyone to help with our cause, which is promoting and supporting continuing education for our high school graduates. We feel that it is very important to recognize and support our graduates. Contact anyone on the following member list if you would like to help in anyway.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Emerson, Beth DiFrancesco, Anita Garland,
Marilyn Johnson, Rosemary Haness, Nancy Pike,
Gloria Stevens, and Pat White*

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*We have awarded 36 scholarships since 1995.
The recipients of the last five years have been:*

- 2013 - *Victoria Mackalinaw (Route 4, roadside cleanup)
Chris Sanborn (Peaslee Rd. Fall Harvest Festival kitchen help)*
- 2014 - *Sam Jones(New Colony Rd., worked for several years in Fall Festival kitchen)*

Lindsey Thompson (Cross Rd., helped for several years with Fall Festival silent auction)

2015- *Alaina Shelzi (Tuttle Hill Rd., wrote and illustrated the 2014 Christmas story for the town Christmas party.*
Walter Hammond (Route 4, roadside cleanup)

2016- *Matt Jones (New Colony Road, wrote Critter Tales story, "Once Upon a Trail", for 2016 Christmas Party.)*
Ben Mackalinaw (Route 4, assisted Cemetery Commission with cemetery clean-up)
William Stone (Cross Rd., helped at the Harvest Festival for several years.
Ursula Collins-Laine (Tuttle Hill Rd., wrote the 2015 Critter Tales story for the Christmas Party)

2017 - *August Kuhn (Williams Rd., roadside cleanup)*



Mellissa Ells, a junior at Mascoma High School, reads her Critter Tales book to the children at the annual Christmas party. Her book, Better Together, chronicles her life with Guernsey cows. Melissa's love of cows began at age five when her Grampa Gordon Huckins gave her a Guernsey named Princess.

2017 REPORT OF THE STATE POLICE

I would like to take this opportunity to provide a report to residents of Orange regarding the calls for service that the State Police have responded to in your community during the last year. This will hopefully provide you with a good baseline and understanding of the present law enforcement needs that currently exist within the community, as well as serving as a guide to determine what level of law enforcement resources the community desires based upon the current trends and expectations of the residents as they look forward to the future.

Currently the State Police respond to calls as requested as part of our regular patrol duties, as well as providing troopers to conduct law enforcement patrols specifically dedicated to your community as requested by the town.

During 2017 the State Police responded to and investigated the following calls for service in the town of Orange:

Assist Motorist	3	Psychiatric Emergency	1
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Request for Service	1
Criminal Mischief	2	Restraining Order	3
Motor Vehicle Accident	6	Road Obstruction	1
Road Obstruction	1	Spots Request	1
Burglar Alarm	10	Sex Offender Reg.	5
Domestic In Progress	1	Subpoena Service	2
Civil Request	3	Suicidal Subject	1
Civil Standby	2	Theft	1
Animal Complaint	2	Vehicle off the Road	4
Department Assist	2	Welfare Check	2
Hazardous Operator	1	Missing Person	1

Total calls: 57

It has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Orange during the past year and we look forward to assisting you with your law enforcement requests in 2018.

Respectfully,

Gary A. Prince

*Lieutenant Gary A. Prince
Commander, Troop F*

<i>Call log</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
	<i>95</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>57</i>



A visiting moose peeks forlornly into the chicken coop in Sandi Pierson's back yard. Unfortunately for the moose, there was a closed door between him and the bowl of chicken scratch feed.

2017 REPORT OF THE ORANGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

We begin our report by honoring longtime Cemetery Agent Edwin Saulen who passed away on May 13, 2017. For many years Ed faithfully and meticulously kept our cemeteries and Town House grounds in first-rate condition, and we appreciated it.

We thank Skip Smith for taking the position as 2017 Cemetery Agent. As of this year, this position is no longer an elected office and is instead an appointment by the Cemetery Trustees. Skip has decided to step down from the position and our intention is to appoint Barry Geddis. Barry has done much work in the Orange cemeteries and is also the Canaan Cemetery Agent.

This year the department purchased a new Simplicity riding lawnmower of which Barry negotiated an exceptional deal of \$1,000.00. The town's new mower is housed inside during the mowing season courtesy of Tamara Fairbank and winter storage is in Sandi Pierson's barn.

A very wet season brought a lot more mowing than expected. Skip had small loads of topsoil and gravel delivered to the Church Cemetery for supplementary projects but we could not complete the tasks due to the higher than usual expenditures for mowing. Some of the depressions were filled in with topsoil, some remain to be done. We only fill in the depression of sites identified with markers. There is one toppled stone at Church Cemetery, otherwise the bulk of refurbishment is for ones that are slanting—this was the purpose of the gravel, to create solid bases. We hope to begin this work in 2018. We are pleased that there are virtually no broken monuments in the Church Cemetery.



*Cemetery Agent
Ed Saulen*

Tamara attended a Trustee training in the spring hosted by the Local Government Center and returned with much valuable information. She reports that the State would like us to report (though not mandatory) on any historical cemeteries that are not part of the regularly maintained ones. There are a few in Orange, and in October Sandi located and photographed the “New Colony Cemetery” which is in the woods near Groton between Kimball Hill and Spruce Ridge. You can find an essay of her hike as well as a number of color photographs at www.Orangenh.us

As always, American flags were placed at veteran gravesites in time for Memorial Day. In 2018 we hope to remove a couple of small volunteer trees that are clearly upheaving a few stones. We also plan to continue with necessary brush cutting. New signs should adorn the cemeteries by the year’s end and Tamara is working with the Historical Society to have signs that reflects the town’s historical essence.

*Respectfully Submitted;
Anita Garland, Tamara Fairbank, Sandi Pierson
Orange Cemetery Trustees*



*New Colony Cemetery (also called Kimball Hill Cemetery)
The two stones are Lucy Wells (died 1864 at age 48)
and her daughter Seranser (died 1862 at age 5).*

2017 REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildland fire activity throughout the state. September and October saw fire conditions change and the state was faced with some difficult fires. The Dilly Cliff fire in North Woodstock was one of the most challenging fires we have seen in New Hampshire. Steep terrain and extreme fire behavior made this fire difficult to fight. It lasted for over 3 weeks and the final hotspots in inaccessible terrain were extinguished by heavy rains. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2017 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home.

Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2018 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is

required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for Rand responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Year	No. of Fires	Acres burned
2017	64	107
2016	351	1,090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

Causes of fires reported (not including White Mountain National Forest): Arson: 0, Debris burning: 7, Campfire: 11, Children: 1, Smoking: 4, Railroad: 0, Equipment: 4, Lightning: 0, Misc.: 37

*Remember, only you
can prevent wildfires!*

2017 REPORTS OF THE HEALTH AGENCIES SUPPORTED BY THE TOWN OF ORANGE

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

Visiting Nurse & Hospice clients are of all ages, from all backgrounds, and at all stages in life. The one commonality is a desire to be cared for at home in case of illness and injury. By keeping residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

In Orange, we made 54 homecare visits to residents last year. Services included home visits to residents with short-term medical or physical needs, home visits to residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home, home visits to residents who were in the final stages of their lives, and home visits to residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care. Additionally, Orange residents made visits to Visiting Nurse & Hospice community wellness clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots. This included approximately \$4,240.00 in unreimbursed care to Orange residents.

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

During FY 2017, 15 older residents of Orange were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center, and 3 Orange residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- **Older adults from Orange enjoyed 402 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room as well as 254 home delivered meals.**
- **Orange residents accessed GCSCC transportation services to access medical care, shopping, or other services, including the Senior Center for meals and activities and participated in 179 activities.**
- **They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 22 visits with a trained outreach worker or contacts with ServiceLink**
- **Three Orange citizens volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 883 hours of volunteer service.**

The cost to provide Council services for Orange residents in 2016-2017 was \$4,367.26.

PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL OF THE UPPER VALLEY (MVHI)

As one of the State of New Hampshire's thirteen regional health networks, Public Health Council of the Upper Valley has quickly become the largest and broadest coalitions of advocates on public health issues in the greater Upper Valley region. The PHC is a dynamic organization with the flexibility to forge solutions that respond to the needs of its grass root members with backing from governmental, philanthropic, and health care institutions. Through regular meetings and ongoing initiatives, the PHC empowers organizations, professionals, and citizens, who together make our communities healthier and better places.

In 2017, PHC staff and partners developed working groups and strategies to address substance misuse, healthy eating, oral health, and other concerns for the region. The PHC supported a number of collaborative initiatives such as:

- **Expanding availability of summer meal programs for children in the region.**

- Hosting a forum for school personnel and area service providers to better math student needs with resources available in the community.
- Piloting an oral health screening project in New Hampshire communities.
- Hosting five flu clinics in rural communities across our region, providing over 1,100 free vaccines.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) OF NH

CASA is a statewide, nonprofit organization that recruits, screens and trains volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in New Hampshire courts. As these children navigate the confusion of the courts and foster care systems, CASA's guardians ad litem help to insure their best interests are always being considered. Because CASA volunteers carry only one or two cases at a time, they are able to create a clear picture of the child's needs so they end up in a safe, permanent home.

The children CASA serves come from communities across the state, including Orange. In Grafton County, CASA served 71 children last year. This number includes children who attend your schools, use local resources, and live with foster parents or with extended family members in your community. CASA currently supervises 24 Grafton County volunteers. In 2017, these volunteers travelled 36,638 miles and spent 3,486 hours speaking up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

UPPER VALLEY HAVEN

We continue to keep the core programs of Food, Shelter, Education, Clothing and Case Management our primary focus. Together, we work each day to unravel poverty and then reshape and strengthen lives through those five core programs.

Everyone wants and hopes for a safe place in their community where people facing enormous challenges can get help and relief; a place that will do the hard work of providing basic needs for those who are marginalized and misunderstood. What would our community be like if the Haven did not exist? Together, in fiscal year 2017, we helped over 15,000 individuals with emergency resources and lasting solution

WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated community mental health center for Orange, as well as Sullivan and Southern Grafton counties. Our mission is “to reduce the burden of mental illness and to improve the quality of life in our community. We commit ourselves to provide services that are safe, effective, client-centered, timely and efficient.”

Our clients suffer from a wide range of disorders and illnesses including psychosis, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and all forms of addiction. We also see patients with anxiety, depression, and other impairing but highly treatable conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, nursing homes, jails , schools and a residential supported living program, and offer a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management and emergency consultations.

TRI-COUNTY CAP

Tri-County CAP is a trusted private non-profit that has been serving the 3 most northern counties of New Hampshire for over 50 years. The Grafton County Community Contact Office of the Tri-County Community Action Program provides many essential services to low-income and elderly citizens of Orange and the surrounding New Hampshire towns:

- Weatherization
- (L.I.H.E.A.P.) Fuel Assistance
- New Hampshire Electric Discount Assistance

- Referrals and coordination with other agencies when citizens are in need
- Educational programs and speakers bureau on homelessness and poverty

Tri-County CAP provided \$4,800.00 in direct services, fuel assistance, and electric assistance to 6 households in the Town of Orange last year.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF NH AND VT

This past year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout the region:

- Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to 256 local disasters, helping over 1,218 people.
- We installed 1,827 smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- 303 Nurse Assistants and 28 Phlebotomists graduated from our trainings.
- We held 5,039 blood drives and collected 95,196 units of blood.
- We connected 628 military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.
- We currently have over 13,000 volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

A disaster or emergency can strike at any time without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the Orange community to help your residents in times of need.

(Health agency compilation courtesy of Bob Proulx)

CANAAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

2017 REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF ORANGE

COLLECTION

Adult Books: 15,372; Juvenile Books: 10,215; Total: 25,587

Adult Videos: 782; Juvenile Videos: 242; Total: 1,024

Adult Audio: 704; Juvenile Audios: 120; Total: 824

Magazines: 366; Music CDs: 444; Artifacts: 112

Museum Passes: 8

CIRCULATION

Total items checked out of the library: 38,194 (Includes all items checked out of library, plus, internet usage, downloaded audio, ebooks, and magazines, database usage and Interlibrary Loans.)

Internet Usage: Individual Sessions: 1,237; Wireless Sessions: 690, Total: 1,927. The wireless service is also available when the library is not open, to allow our patrons 24/7 access.

Downloadable Audio Books:

Audio books downloaded: 2,267; E Books downloaded: 1,103; NOOK periodicals downloaded: 15 (discontinued by State Library 2/2017). The library pays to belong to the Downloadable Audio Book Consortium through the NH State Library. Our patrons have access to over 8000 titles.

Database Searches

EBSCO (magazines) 24 sessions (305 searches)

Heritage Quest (genealogy) 254 sessions (555 searches)

AncestryLibrary.com (genealogy) 72 sessions (87 searches)

Inter-Library Loans: Loaned to other libraries: 688; Borrowed by our patrons: 1,184.

Number of materials circulated to Orange Borrowers: 1,894 (4.96% of circulation).

REGISTERED BORROWERS

As of December 31, 2017: 3,222. Registered Borrowers from Orange: 165 (4.96% of card holders). Some families share a library card, 165 cards in 2017 is actually 188 users.

Population of Orange: 331 (2010 census data from NH Office of Energy and Planning). Forty-nine percent of Orange residents are Canaan Library card holders.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Library hosts programs for community members of all ages. The programs include: Summer Reading Program, Meetinghouse Readings, Knitting Club, NH Humanities Council Events, Story Times, Tech Help Nights, Book Clubs, and more.

Type of Program	# of Programs	# of Attendees
Adult	56	1000
Children	42	414
Total	98	1414

Libraries throughout New Hampshire offer a variety of entertainment and educational materials to taxpayers at a very economical rate. How much would they need to pay out-of-pocket if they purchased their books, movies and other library services in stores?

In 2017, Orange users of the Canaan Town Library made up 4.96% of total patrons. They would have paid \$19,685.32 out of pocket for the services they received from the library. Library Use Calculator can be found at www.canaanlibrary.org.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for continuing to support access to genealogy databases, museum passes, and programming for all ages. Starting with the 2017-2018 school year, the library is happy to announce that we are participating in the National Literacy Program, *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*. This program encourages families to read 1000 books to their children before they hit school. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we have 10 book bags of books that families may check out to get off to a great start! We also offer booklets to keep track of books read, and lists to help make the program fun! The Friends of the Library have also generously donated books and book bags to the Preschool at Canaan Elementary School so they can read right along with us! We continue to offer access to our library catalog, online databases, and downloadable audio books and ebooks . You can

access all of this from home or visit the library to use the wifi or public computers. Some of the programs offered this year included: Comics in World History and Cultures, The Quest for Happiness, a Robotics Demonstration by the First Robotics Club, “Pub” Trivia, Gardening Gems with Ray Kulig, Pierogi Workshop with Ray and Jan Kulig, the Meetinghouse Readings Series, Tech Nights, Summer Reading Programs for kids and adults, Lego Club, Story time with Melissa, and Bookends: a Book Group for Kids Grades 4-6.

WHAT IS OFFERED AT THE CANAAN LIBRARY:

Audio Books, Adult Book Group , Book Sales, Children’s Craft Programs, Children’s Story Hour , Community Group Meeting Space , DVDS, Downloadable Audio Books, Downloadable eBooks, Downloadable Magazines, Free Cable Internet Access Friends of the Library, Genealogy Assistance, Handicap Accessibility, Inter-Library Loan, Kill-A-Watt Meters, Knitting Needles, Large Print Materials, Library Website, Local Artist Exhibits, Meetinghouse Readings, Online Card Catalog, Online Databases, Online Encyclopedia, Photocopying, Reference Assistance, Rubber Stamps, School Class Visits Story Hour Tax Materials ,Volunteering Opportunities, Wireless Internet Access Writers Group, Programming (author visits, speakers, etc.), Summer Reading Program (Adult), Summer Reading Program (Children), Museum Passes

Library hours are: Monday 3 pm-8 pm, Tuesday 1 pm-8 pm, Wednesday 1 pm-8 pm, Thursday 1 pm-5 pm, Friday 9 am-12 pm, Saturday 9 am-3 pm

Find the Library Online at:
www.facebook.com/CanaanTownLibraryNH
www.librarything.com/home/Canaanlibrary
www.canaanlibrary.org

*Respectfully submitted,
Amy Thurber, Canaan Librarian*

***TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2017***

Town Meeting was opened at 11:00 AM on March 14, 2017 with election of officers, and consideration of, and approve the amendment to the Orange Zoning Ordinance, put forth by the Planning Board, to establish the application procedure and to implement the requirements and restrictions for the approval of Accessory Dwelling Units. Voting hours end at 7:00 PM, Town Meeting to continue on March 15, 2017 at 7 PM with the remainder of the town warrant articles.

March 15, 2017 Town Meeting opened with Dan Hazelton, Moderator, greeting the residents and welcome to our Town Council representative, to the hall. David Stacy was asked to lead the “Pledge of Allegiance”. A moment of silence was held in honor of the town members that had passed during this past year. Dan took a moment to recognize the election crew and thanked them for their hard work and diligence during the major snow storm when other towns were postponing local elections.

ARTICLE 1: Election results of town officers held on Tuesday March 14, 2017.

RESULTS

Selectman: Robert Ells – 3 year term 84 votes

Town Clerk: Sophie Seace – 1 year term 87 votes

Treasurer: Tessa Michetti – 1 year term 86 votes

Cemetery Trustee: Tamara Fairbank – 3 year term 27 votes

Planning Board (2 openings): Judith Lindahl – 3 year term 78 votes George White – 3 year term 78 votes

Budget Committee: Robert Proulx – 3 year term 82 votes

Trustee of the Trust Funds: Pauline Emerson - 3 year term 83 votes

Road Agent: Scott Sanborn – 1 year term 86 votes

Deeding agent: Sharon Proulx – 1 year term 86 votes

Tax Collector: Sharon Proulx – 1 year term 86 votes

Overseer of Public Welfare: Karen McFarlane – 1 year term 85

Cemetery Agent: Lyell (Skip) Smith – 1 year term 17 votes

ARTICLE 2: (official ballot) To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment to the Orange Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to establish the application procedure and to implement the requirements and restrictions for the approval of Accessory Dwelling Units.

Recommended by the Select Board (2-0)

Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0)

“Are you in favor of the amendment to the Orange Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to establish the application procedure and to implement the regulations and restrictions for the approval of Accessory Dwellings Units?”

VOTE: Article 2 passed by official ballot vote: 74 votes for, 11 votes against.

Article 3: To see if the Town will authorize the tax collector to accept the prepayment of taxes pursuant to RSA 80:52-a.

Taxpayers shall be allowed to prepay taxes no more than two years in advance of the due date of the taxes. No interest shall accrue to the taxpayer on any prepayments, nor shall any interest be paid to the taxpayer on any prepayment which is later subject to rebate or refund.

Moved: Judith Lindahl

Second: Sharon Proulx

VOTE: PASSED

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the position of an elected cemetery agent beginning in 2018 in accordance with RSA 669:17-b and allow the Cemetery Trustees to annually appoint an agent or custodian in accordance with the authority vested in the Trustees under RSA 289:7 (II).

MOVED: Robert Proulx

SECOND: Anita Watson-Garland

VOTE: PASSED

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the position of an elected welfare agent in accordance with RSA 669:17-b and allow the Board of Selectmen to annually appoint a welfare agent in accordance with RSA 41:56. (Presently there is not an elected Overseer of Public Welfare in office. These duties are being administered by the Board of Selectmen.)

MOVED: Dorothy Heinrichs

SECOND: Robert Proulx

VOTE: PASSED

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept the increase in hourly wages and stipends recommended in the Report of the Salary Study Committee.

MOVED: Robert Proulx SECOND: Karen McFarlane

VOTE: PASSED

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0012 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of purchasing highway-related equipment.

MOVED: Don Pfaefflin SECOND: Judith Lindahl

Discussion by Don McFarlane to explain how much in the account and what is the intended purpose. Skip Smith stated the balance is in the Town Report, future need would be for such items as a new truck, or any type of equipment the Road Agent felt was needed.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0014 opened 05/08/2007 for the purpose of a revaluation of property.

MOVED: Robert Proulx SECOND: Don McFarlane

Bob Proulx explained the future cost of the revaluation and that the town can save to meet that need.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate six thousand (\$6,000.00) to be paid into the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0013 opened 06/26/2007 for the purpose of maintaining Town roads.

MOVED: Dave Stacy SECOND: Judith Lindahl

Bob Proulx clarified that again there is no way to tell when the cost will be incurred; this provides the town a means of saving to lessen the amount of the required Bond.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$234,291.00, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, for the ensuing year for general operations.

MOVED: Dave Stacey SECONDED: Don Pfaefflin

VOTE: PASSED

Article 11: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dan Hazelton wanted to thank the Salary Committee for their efforts this year.

Jay Heinrich donated a flag to the town that has been flown over our nation's Capital.

Gary Hamel was recognized for his efforts with the Mascoma High School and the revitalization of the generational painting. Dorothy Heinrich thanked Danny, the set-up committee for the pot-luck, Sharon Proulx for the historical display case.

Reminder to everyone there will be a Wolf talk presentation sponsored by the Conservation Committee in April.

Welcome to the many new residents that have joined our community and are sitting here this evening.

Sharon Proulx shared the Historical Commission is writing a book, they are looking for volunteers to help.

Karen McFarlane wanted to remind everyone that this past Christmas party was the 40th, she is still receiving pictures in, and if you could provide as much information about the photo it is appreciated.

Dan asked all candidates that won in this years' election stay after the meeting to be sworn in.

Meeting adjourned: 7:46 PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Sophie L. Seace

Orange Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS 2017

Births:

Emma Gertrude Colburn, born on April 5, 2017 at Lebanon, NH
Parents: Richard and Jillian Colburn

Cameron Stewart McFarlane, born on November 20, 2017 at Lebanon, NH

Parents: Donald and Karen McFarlane

Marriages:

Melissa C. Harris and Katie L. Harden married on March 18, 2017 in Enfield, NH

Deaths:

Steven R. Jaques, died in Tizmin, Mexico on February 13, 2017

Born in Williamsport, PA on December 12, 1946

Son of Walter Herman and Martha Irene (Hill) Jaques

Served in the United States Air Force

Served as watchman on the Cardigan Mountain Firetower

Edwin G. Saulen, Sr., died in Hanover, NH on May 13, 2017

Born in Framingham, MA on February 18, 1944

Son of Joseph and Glenna (Shippee) Saulen

Served as Orange Cemetery Agent

Nathan H. Harpootlian, died in Canaan, NH on July 18, 2017

Born in Camden, NJ on September 16, 1927

Son of Harry and Florence Rosetta (Smith) Harpootlian

Served in the United States Air Force during World War II

Served on Selectboard, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Budget Committee, and Recycling Committee

Marjorie Dunbar, died in Orange, NH on November 4, 2017

Born in Hardwick, VT on October 25, 1926

Daughter of Timothy and Harriet (Huntoon) Moynihan

Resided at the historic 1789 Singing Wind farm

Stories from the Cardigan Mountain Archives

Really Long Hike

A 76-year-old Boston doctor whose first attempt to reach the top of Mount Cardigan wound up in Alexandria at three in the morning, came back last Thursday, made the climb, and told his story to Lookout Arthur Hazen.

Forty-seven years ago to the month, Dr. Brickley and four college classmates set out on a two-horse buckboard from Plymouth, traveled through Rumney and Orange and arrived at the base of Cardigan in the dark. They began their ascent—their only bearing being the knowledge that they should keep going up. In the blackness of the night, the party made more horizontal than vertical progress and found themselves in Alexandria from where they hiked to the southern end of Newfound Lake. Here, they hired a team which took them back through Danbury and Grafton to where they had left their buckboard.

Perhaps having run out of time and patience, the group returned home and it wasn't until last week that Doctor Brickley finally made it to the summit to sign his name in the book and prove to one and all that he can climb a mountain even though it takes him 47 years to do it.

Enfield Advocate, August 4, 1949

(Dr. Brickley's first attempt would have been 1902)



Caretaker's Cabin just below the Cardigan summit

National Emblem Forgets Itself

Orange— Shockingly unmindful of its obligations as the American National emblem to set a good example, a bald eagle ran amuck on Cardigan Mountain's summit on Saturday afternoon. While Fire Warden Arthur Hazen looked on from his tower, the huge bird attacked and carried off a fawn as it played on Firescrew ledge with its mother. About two weeks old, the young deer weighed in the neighborhood of 35 pounds.

Conservation Officer R.W. Bryant said this week that although the eagle is protected by law, he is asking the State Fish and Game department if the marauder may legally be destroyed. The penalty for killing an eagle, he explained, is \$500.

After the fawn had been carried off, Mr. Hazen reported, thyne doe circled frantically about on the rocks at the mountain's summit for a half hour before disappearing into the woods.

On previous occasions Mr. Hazen has seen rabbits carried off by the eagles, a pair which comes frequently to the mountain from the direction of Mount Moosilauke.

Canaan Reporter, June 16, 1949



The tower as it stands today



*Firetower Lookout Steve Jaques
1946 - 2017*

The Reconstruction of Cardigan Mountain Road from Singing Wind farm to the West Ridge Trailhead

New Road on West of Cardigan

Tourist wishing to attempt the foot trail to Mt. Cardigan on the west side and lovers of scenic travel will benefit by the road job now underway by the CCC enrollees from Camp Cardigan.

This road extends from the "Singing Wind" Estate in the town of Orange, past the "Old Bear" mica mine, to the old hotel site on state land where formerly the Cardigan House stood.

Because the former road was of narrow width with huge rocks abutting its limits, and due to the increased interest in the natural beauty of the country adjoining the town of Orange, the project was considered a worthwhile project for the Danbury camp.

With a caterpillar road tractor and a power grader, steep grades have been lessened. An air compressor has been used in drilling of rock and ledge, which constituted a motoring danger. The rock from the dynamiting has been used for fill and shoulder rubble.

The crew of 45 men from Danbury, under the supervision of the forestry foreman, has worked wonders with the former road. Adequate ditching and drainage are underway to protect the life of the improved road.

Those acquainted with the old approach to Cardigan, and many wishing new fields of travel and interest, will welcome this project of the Danbury camp.



Canaan Reporter, date unknown

THE EMPTY TOWER

It isn't likely that a forest fire will break out and get a headstart in this area between now and the first heavy snowstorm but if one should, Arthur Hazen will not be to blame.

On Tuesday, October 18, Mr. Hazen obeyed some rather sudden orders he had received and closed the lookout tower on Mount Cardigan. He is now at his home in Mont Vernon and can hardly be expected to spot fires from there.

What happened in Mr. Hazen's case is only another example of the State's austerity program in operation. It has hit our school system and our country fairs and our state parks. In some respects, Mr. Hazen's removal from the tower—at a time when underbrush is still in a combustible state and hundreds of hunters are roaming the woods—might be construed as the "straw that broke the camel's back."

Not even the most alert deputy fire warden or conservation officer is capable of watching over such a wide area as Mr. Hazen viewed from the tower. It seems to us that a more sensible solution would be to keep the lookout at his post, as is usual, until the arrival of snow.

If, and it is no remote possibility, a good-sized blaze were to break out within the next month, it is conceivable that the flames could make rapid and undetected headway. Indirectly, if such a fire did happen, we in the towns protected by the Cardigan tower would be justified in asking the State legislature to shoulder the responsibility.

With all the money being spent to print signs and stickers exhorting us to "Keep New Hampshire Green," there should be enough of a surplus to pay our forest fire lookouts for an extra few weeks.

If this State is to be kept green, it might be wise to use a bit more of that green stuff from the State's wallet to help the cause along. —E.J.D.

